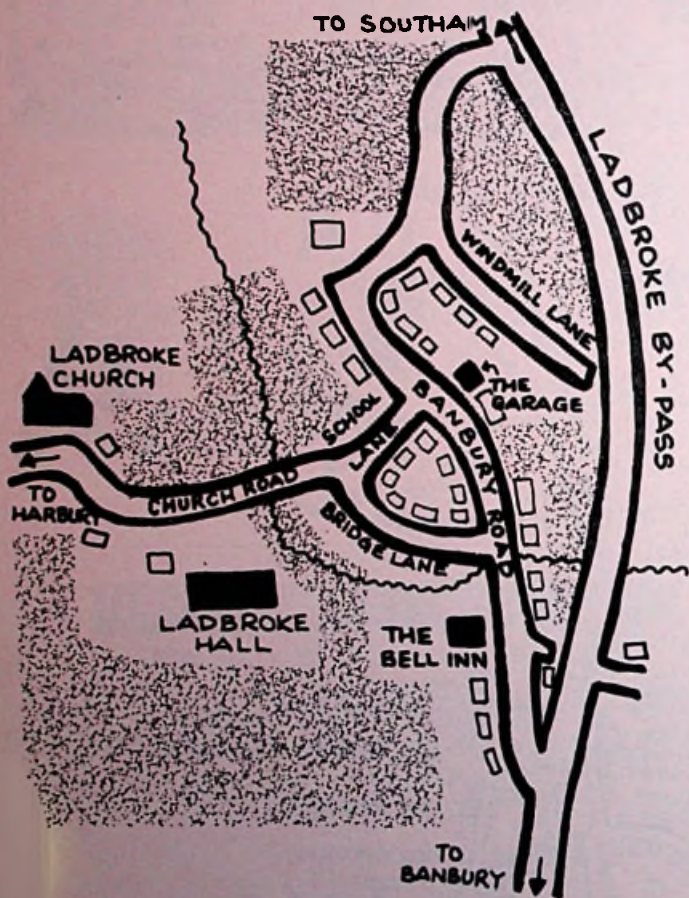


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Our photograph this month marks the end of nearly three decades of shopkeeping in the village. A large crowd of villagers gathered to say farewell to Philip and Edna Lindop. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them a long and happy retirement.

We are delighted to report that Peter Andrews will be carrying on the good work. Please note that articles for the Harbury & Ladbroke News should now be handed to Pete's Place (Lindop's).

Further changes last month came with the retirement of Sharon Hancock and Gladys Hutchins from the Harbury & Ladbroke News team. Sharon and Gladys gave many years of service to the magazine and they will be missed by us all. Welcome to Dorothy Travis who takes

over stapling & Chris Finch who has joined the Editing team.

Will contributors to the magazine please remember that we do not publish unnamed articles.

Continuing our theme of change, parents of Harbury School children came out in force to listen to the proposals for reorganisation. The school will keep us updated with current reports.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Sydney Dealtry.

Harbury Diary

MARCH

Wed 9 Youth Club in V.Hall

Thur 10 Holy Comm. 9.45am

Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm

WI in V.Hall 7.45pm

Southam Deanery Synod in T.H.R. 7.45pm

MU Coffee Morning 10.30am at 11 Constance Drive

Fri 11 Harbury School Service in Church 9.30am

Holy Comm. at 12noon

Lenten Lunch in T.H.R. 12.30pm

Sat 12 Myton Hospice Support Group Craft Afternoon in T.H.R.

PTA Memorabilia Afternoon in School

NSPCC Beer & Skittles in V.Hall 8pm

Sun 13 MOTHERING SUNDAY - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Evensong transferred to Ladbroke 3.30pm

Crusaders in T.H.R. 10.30am

Mon 14 Prayer and Praise at 5 Dickens Rd. 8pm

Tue 15 MU in T.H.R. 8pm

Village Hall Committee 8pm

Wed 16 Youth Club in V.Hall

Thur 17 St. PATRICKS DAY - Holy Comm. 9.45am

Fri 18 Holy Comm. 12noon; Lenten Lunch in T.H.R. 12.30pm

PTA Beetle Drive in School 6.30pm

Race Night for Rugby Club in V.Hall

Sat 19 Mens Prayer Breakfast 7.30am T.H.R.

R.O.C. Lunch in T.H.R. 12noon - 2pm

Ceilidh in V.Hall

Sun 20 LENT IV - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Crusaders in T.H.R. 10.30am

SCOUTS NEWS PAPER COLLECTION

- Mon 21 Bible Study in T.H.R. 8pm
- Tue 22 Holy Comm. 7.30pm including short Lenten Address
PCC Meeting 8.15 in T.H.R. Julian Group 8.15 in Church
- Wed 23 Coffee Morning for Nursery Playgroup 10am - 12noon
at 8 South Parade
Youth Clug Drug Awareness
- Thur 24 Holy Comm. 9.45am
Thursday Club in V.Hall 2.30pm
Parish Council in V.Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 25 LADY DAY - Holy Comm. 12noon; Lenten Lunch T.H.R. 12.30pm
ALL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN APRIL HARBURY NEWS TO
EDITORS TODAY BY 6pm (Pete's Place formerly Lindop's)
- Sat 26 CLOCKS FORWARD
Tabletop Sale/Flea Market in V.Hall 10am
Karate in V.Hall 1pm - 4pm
- Sun 27 PALM SUNDAY - Holy Comm. 8am; Sung Eucharist 10.30am;
with procession from Harbury School starting at 10.15
In Church a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion
from scratch. Afternoon practice 2.30pm; Evening
performance 6.30pm, all are welcome.
Crusaders in T.H.R. 10.30am
- Mon 28 Prayer and Praise in T.H.R. 8pm
- Tue 29 Holy Comm. 7.30pm
Harbury Soc. AGM in T.H.R. 7.30pm
- Wed 30 Youth Club in V.Hall
PTA Drug Awareness in School 8pm
- Thur 31 MAUNDY THURSDAY - Holy Comm. 9.45am with the School.
Sung Eucharist 8pm followed by the 'Watch' at the Altar
of Repose

APRIL

- Fri 1 GOOD FRIDAY - Short Children's Service 9.30am.
Devotional hour 2-3pm. A devotion for congregation
and Choir 'The Cross of Christ' 7pm
- Sat 2 Harbury Nursery Playgroup Coffee Morning T.H.R.
- Sun 3 EASTER DAY - Sung Eucharist 9am; Evensong 6.30pm
- Mon 4 EASTER MONDAY - Bible Study in T.H.R. 8pm
- Tue 5 Holy Comm. 7.30pm
Horticultural Soc. in V.Hall 8pm
- Wed 6 Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 2pm
- Thur 7 Holy Comm. 9.45am
Men's Society in T.H.R. 7.45pm
Folk Club in Lounge of Old New Inn at 8.30pm
- Sat 9 PTA Football Tour
ROC's Charity Stall on Warwick Market

REGULAR DIARY DATES**HARBURY CRUSADERS:** Tom Hauley Room, 10.30am Sundays**UPHOLSTERY CLASSES:** Wight School, 2-4pm Mondays**GYMNASTICS:** Harbury Sch, 6-7pm (under 7 & Beginners 7-8pm (7-10yrs), 8-9pm (over 10yrs) Mondays**GUIDES:** Scout Hut, 7pm Mondays**BINGO:** Village Hall, 8pm Mondays**TODDLER GROUP:** Wight School, 10-11.30am Mondays & 2-3.30pm Wednesdays**PLAYGROUP:** Wight School, Tuesday to Friday mornings**NURSERY SCHOOL:** Village hall, Tues to Fri mornings**BROWNIES:** Village Hall every Tues 6pm - 7.30pm**BEAVERS:** Scout Hut, Tuesday 6 - 7pm**SCOUTS:** Scout Hut, 7.45pm every Tues & Thurs**BADMINTON:** Village Hall every Tuesday**HARBURY FRIENDS:** School, 8pm 2nd Tues of Month**BABY CLINIC:** New Surgery, 2-4pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday**YOUTH CLUB:** Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm Wednesdays**DANCING CLASSES:** Children & Adults, Farley Room, Village Hall, 4-9pm Wednesdays**HEREBURGH MORRIS DANCERS:** School Hall, 8pm Wednesday**NETBALL CLUB:** Village Hall Car Park - Training Thurs 6.30pm -

Matches Saturday afternoon

HARBURY FOLK CLUB: Old New Inn 8.30pm 1st Thur of month**THURSDAY CLUB:** Village Hall, 2.30pm 2nd & 4th Thurs**CUBS:** Scout hut, every Wednesday**W.I.:** Village Hall, 7.45pm 2nd Thursday of month**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Church, 6.30pm every Friday**BELLRINGING PRACTICE:** Church, 7.30pm every Friday**THEATRE GROUP:** Wight School, 8pm last Fri of month**COFFEE MORNING:** Saturdays Tom Hauley Room 10am-12pm**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:** Over Southam Magistrates Ct

every Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) 10am-3pm

TENNIS CLUB: (Apr-Sep) Tue & Thu 6.30pm onwards (6pm for April)

Sat 2-5pm, Mon & Wed 1.45-3pm

YOGA: Village Hall, 1.30-3pm Monday, Diane Surgey Tel 817904**DATES FOR INCLUSION IN THE HARBURY DIARY PLEASE TO:-****LINDA RIDGLEY - TELEPHONE 612792****For Village Hall Bookings****For Wight School Bookings****For Tom Hauley Room Bookings****ring Mrs Hughes 612716****ring Mrs Hayes 613488****ring Mrs Smith 613680**

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HARBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion 8am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

(Except 1st Sunday of Month: Sung Eucharist 9am

Family Service 10.30am)

Evensong 6.30pm (except 3rd Sunday)

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FROM HARBURY CHURCHWARDENS.

It is good that the church and the Tom Hauley room are busy places on Saturday mornings. The coffee mornings are a well established part of the social life of the village and it is right that so many people are involved with the care and preparation of the church.

The introduction of written notices each week in the form of 'pew sheets' is a welcome change giving us all a reminder of the events to come.

The new photocopier is in place, thanks to Liz McBride, and we hope that this one will prove both less expensive and less frustrating.

Easter, the most important season in the calendar of the church, will soon be with us and there are many events of worship in which we can take part.

We still await some action from the builders on the replacement of some of the ridge tiles. They are also due to come to repair the gutter down-pipe to the left of the main door. Further views are being sought on the state of the organ following enquiries into the possibility of some grant aid. More on this when the reports are to hand.

The Church annual meeting will take place on Sunday April 17th. It is at this meeting that the

P.C.C. and Church Wardens are elected. If you would like to be more involved in the running of the church, P.C.C. nomination forms will be available nearer the date. It will be necessary this time to elect a new Church Warden as John Moore will be standing down.
Beryl and John.

FROM THE RECTOR

By the time that you read this we shall be well into Lent, and looking forward to Holy Week and Easter. Despite everyone's attachment to Christmas, the eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter Day is the highlight of the Christian year. For centuries Christians have lovingly told and retold in words, music and actions the story that unfolded on these eight days nearly two thousand years ago.

The story starts on Palm Sunday - the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was acclaimed by the people who tore palm branches off the trees to cheer him. On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the tension mounted as Jesus came in and out of the city attracting vast crowds and greater and greater hostility from the authorities. On the Thursday Jesus spent the last evening of his earthly life with his disciples. He dined with them and during this 'last supper' he told them that although he was going to be betrayed, his death would be a sign of his love for them. He used words to describe what he was doing for his disciples as he broke the bread and took the cup of wine; words which we repeat every time the Eucharist is celebrated.

Later on that night Jesus was arrested and in the early hours of Friday morning was tried for his life before the Jewish and Roman authorities. Despite the fact that the charges were false, and that he was innocent, he was condemned to torture and execution. And so, on 'Good Friday' Jesus was crucified. It was a long and painful death, but tradition has it that he died at about 3pm and was hastily buried before sunset, the beginning of the sabbath day.

That should have been the end of the Jesus story. His followers might have gone on reminiscing about things that they had seen and heard while he was with them. We all do that about people we have known and

cared about who have died. But on that first Easter day something happened which has changed the course of human history. One by one the disciples became convinced that Jesus, far from being a dead hero, was alive. It was this conviction that turned his dispirited little bunch of followers into the leaders of a faith that has spanned the centuries and encircles the globe.

It is our privilege at Harbury and Ladbroke to hear and meditate on these events through the services that we shall be holding from Palm Sunday through to Easter day. It is a dramatic and moving story which never loses its power or its attraction. Moreover, it is the story of events that lie at the very heart and centre of the Christian faith - a faith which gives hope and meaning to the lives of millions of people. May I invite you all to come and listen as this story is told again, and may God bless you as you do.

Fr. Roy

Holy Baptism - Sunday 13th February

Sophie Annabelle, daughter of Garry and Elaine Sleen of
Lillington, Leamington Spa

Funerals

At Oakley Wood, Friday 4th February - Beryl Griffin, 10 Mill St.

At All Saints Harbury, Friday 25th February -

Sydney Percy Dealtry, 1 Pineham Avenue

BEREAVED PARENTS

A Book of Remembrance recording the names of children who have died has been introduced at Coventry Cathedral as well as an annual service for parents and families. The first of these services was held shortly before Christmas last year; also special prayers are said at Evening Prayer in the Cathedral on the anniversary of each child's death.

That there existed this need for bereaved parents to share in remembrance emerged following the introduction of the biennial Cathedral service for road accident victims in 1992.

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Any Harbury or Ladbroke parents who would like to have a name entered in the Remembrance Book should approach the chairman of the "Remember our Child" committee, Mr. Martin Barker, 137 Leamington Road, Coventry, CV3 6GT. (Tel. 0203-415222). The next meeting, open to all bereaved parents, is in the Provost's Vestry at the Cathedral at 5.30pm on March 7th.

John Algar

R.O.C.

The ROC fund now stands at £7,680.88 the latest lunch raising £135.80. Thank you to Mr and Mrs. Lambert and their helpers.

DIARY DATES: Sat. 19th March - Lunch in the T.Hauley room 12.00-2pm. Vegetable Soup and French Bread 70p Shepherds Pie, Peas and Sweetcorn £2, Mincemeat and Apple Pie or Gateau 70p. Tea or Coffee 30p. Order forms on the table in church and at coffee mornings. Also on March 19th we are to have a share in the profits from the Ceilidh in the V.Hall at 8pm in conjunction with 'Links 2000'. See posters for details.

Sat. 9th April - Charity Stall on Warwick Market. We need plenty of cakes, jams, marmalade, bric-a-brac, good quality clothing and helpers. If you are able to help man the stall or assist in any other way please put your name on the chart on the table in Church or phone Joyce Windsor 612504. Many thanks.

Sat. 23rd April - Lunch in the T.Hauley room.

Fri. 13th May - Quiz evening in the T.Hauley room.

Sat. 14th May - Concert in Church by The Royal Naval Male Voice Choir and children from Harbury School.

Sat. 21st May - Ramble to be followed by lunch at Mr. and Mrs. Keir's home in South Parade. More details of these and other events next month.

Joyce and Harry Windsor

MOTHERS' UNION

After a short report on the Deanery meeting members settled down to enjoy a time of nostalgia, sharing memories of our childhood. We finished with a prayer for children growing up today.

At the evening meeting we were pleased to welcome Mr. G. Bailey who spoke to us about the changes in education he has seen in his time as a teacher, especially the changes which have taken place recently. He also said that many aspects do not change and showed us a school curriculum drawn up in 1906 which was surprisingly similar to the modern curriculum. We compared memories of our own schooldays and decided that children nowadays have a happier time at school. Mary Snow expressed our thanks to Mr. Bailey saying how lucky we are to have him as Harbury School's Headmaster.

Our meetings in March are an afternoon Lent service on March 2nd, led by the Rector, and an evening talk on March 15th by Mrs. A. Hobley who will show slides of paintings about The Annunciation. We shall have a bring & buy table at this meeting. The meeting will start at about 8pm, so that we can attend the 7.30pm service.

C. Mary Catt

TODDLERS' SERVICE

At our February service we talked about feet and what we can do with them. Mrs. Keir told a story about Jesus healing a paralysed man (with an animated picture she had drawn) and we used our feet to dance around the church. We then sang a song, thanking God for our feet and legs, and said a thank-you prayer.

C. Mary Catt

HARBURY AND LADBROKE CHURCH MENS' SOCIETY

The Society met on 3rd Feb. to hear a talk given by Steph and Geof of the Leamington Christian Mission who said, they had a calling 3½ years ago to help people who had hit on hard times, some through no fault of their own. Because of this they sold their business and have devoted their lives to this new venture. In order to do this work they first had to

get the support of the police and social services. One night Geof and a colleague armed with flasks of soup and sandwiches looked around Leamington for anyone sleeping rough. In the early hours of the morning they found three down and outs sleeping rough in the Jephson Gardens. Geof and his pal soon won the confidence of these people and fed them and helped them generally. By word of mouth more got to know about this help and currently there are 250-300 such people getting help on a weekly basis from Steph and Geof some being alcoholics, some drug addicts and one being a solvent sniffer. All such people are helped by Geof and Steph in finding accommodation, dealing with correspondence provision of food and budgeting. Every Saturday night at the entrance to the Jephson Gardens you will find Steph and Geof with two buses, one used as a kitchen and the other as a meeting place for those who have come to depend on Steph and Geof. We were told of several sad stories some of which had happier endings and we saw pictures supporting these stories.

The Men's Society meeting scheduled for 3rd March will hear a talk by Mr. Keegan of the Christian Pastoral Aid Society.

P.D. Edwards

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MARCH

- Wed 9 Holy Comm. 2pm (Prior to Women's Fellowship)
 Sun 13 MOTHERING SUNDAY - Sung Comm. 9am; Mothering Sunday Service 3.30pm
 Tue 15 Holy Comm. 7.30pm including short Lenten Address
 Wed 16 Holy Comm. 10.30am
 Sun 20 Sung Comm. 9am; Children's Church 10.30am; Evensong 3.30pm
 Wed 23 Holy Comm. 10.30am
 Fri 25 LADY DAY - Holy Comm. 7.30pm
 Sat 26 Diatonic Choir Concert 'The Saviour' 7.30pm
 Sun 27 PALM SUNDAY - Sung Comm. 9am
 Wed 30 Holy Comm. 10.30am
 Thur 31 MAUNDY THURSDAY - Holy Comm. 7pm

APRIL

Fri 1 GOOD FRIDAY - Short Children's Service 10.30am.
 Devotional Hour 12-1pm
 Sat 2 HOLY SATURDAY - Easter Ceremonies 8pm
 Sun 3 EASTER DAY - Sung Comm. 10.30am
 Wed 6 Holy Comm. 10.30am

All Saints' Church, Ladbroke Sunday Services

9am Holy Communion with Hymns

(Except 1st Sunday of Month: 10.30am Family Communion)

3rd Sunday of month: 10.30am Children's Church

3.30pm Evensong (3rd Sunday)

CHURCH NEWS

I know that the dates are mentioned in the diary section but I would like to underline March 1st and March 15th. On both these evenings at 7.30pm, we shall be holding the Lent services here in Ladbroke church. Please come and join our Harbury Friends and make these Lenten services really special.

On March 26th Sat., the Diatonic Choir are putting on a concert in church. They are great friends of All Saints' Ladbroke, having been twice before. Money raised will all go to church funds - Restoration and Maintenance. Tickets are available for sale now from PCC members. Please come for a superb evening of music.

Lent boxes are still available in Church in aid of U.S.P.G.

Betty Winkfield

FRIENDS OF LADBROKE CHURCH

Over 40 people enjoyed a marvellous "Curry & Casserole" evening at the home of Jim and Jean Clews on Friday evening, 25th Feb.

Many thanks to Jim and Jean for letting us all "invade" their home.

Gwynne Badman

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

February's meeting began with a Corporate Communion service in Church which pleased all the members who went. (This will be held on a regular basis now at 2pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, before the Fellowship meeting). Following the service we went to Gwladys's Goulds home to be entertained by John Trussler and the slides he took of his holiday in South Africa. What a beautiful country it is. Please God that human beings can quickly learn to live peacefully side by side there.

March's meeting will be here, at Hall Farm. Rev. Tony Upton will talk to us of his life as a Naval Chaplain.

Betty Winkfield

MEDIEVAL LADBROKE

I had thought my note in last month's magazine was sufficient, but I feel I have to pass the following on.

It seems that contacts come far and wide and out of the blue I have received a letter from a Mr Palmer, who in tracing his ancestors finds himself descended from the younger brother of the Palmer who bought the Ladbroke Estates in the C 17th. He only lives near Rugby and never knew of the connection until recently.

Further away, but equally as interesting, I have also received a letter from a Major Kingsmill in Belgium, who is descended from the Kingsmill family who held Chapel Ascote during the Civil War period, before it was sold to the Palmer family.

So I am hoping that a combination of research between us all, may reveal more.

Thankyou also to those who are searching out old house deeds and similar for me to photocopy. I am now in possession of quite a range of historical information on Ladbroke and more is trickling in all the time.

Linda Doyle

LADBROKE DIRECTORY

At long last we have completed and delivered our directory around Ladbroke.

We hope you find it useful and will be pleased to receive alterations or additions for future copies. If

more information is added, we will increase its size, but are grateful to the Southam Lions for covering the initial costs of this first leaflet. If you have any alterations then please pass them on to Marion Grainger, 2 Ladbroke Hall.

Betty Winkfield as Church Warden will hold the spare copies and has kindly offered to meet and give one to all newcomers to the village.

If you or anyone you know has not received their copy, then please ring Linda Doyle on 814214.

Linda Doyle

LAS VEGAS EVENING IN LADBROKE

This was a very successful event. Everyone enjoyed themselves once they'd got the hang of things, and the auction at the end was hilarious. Our thanks to Rob who was an excellent MC and organiser, and also to all the people who helped with the food and washing up etc. We made the grand sum of £355 which will go into the Village Hall funds towards getting central heating in the hall.

Miff Warr

CHOIR

Diatonic Choir will be returning to Ladbroke for the third time on Sat. 26th March to sing in All Saints' Church. The choir, which currently has 22 members was formed in 1987 by a group of friends, enthusiastic singers who wanted to perform a wide range of works. The choir has won First Prizes at Leamington Music Festivals and performed at a wide variety of venues, including the Warwickshire Arts Showcase and the Early Music Tent at Weston Park, Shropshire.

Founder member of Diatonic and ex-Harbury villager, David Moss brought the choir to Harbury in 1991, so this will be the choir's fourth visit to the area. Another member of Diatonic is ex-Ladbroke resident, Sue Shaw and David's wife, Mary will be a soloist in the concert. We hope it is one you will all support, as you have on the three previous occasions. The event, which starts at 7.30pm is in aid of the Church Restoration Fund and wine and refreshments (included in the ticket price) will be served during the half

time interval. Tickets costing £4 and £3 may be bought at the door, but if you would like to order any in advance, please phone Mrs. Winkfield 812234.

The first half of the concert contains light works including folk songs and negro spirituals. Soloists from St. Mary's Church in Warwick and Ladbroke choir Director, Michael Short will join Diatonic in the second half for a performance of "The Saviour" by William Lloyd Webber, father of Andrew and Julian.

LADBROKE & DEPPERS BRIDGE W.I.

February's speaker was by Mrs. Cynthia Payne on W.R.V.S. in the community. An illuminating talk which will, perhaps, encourage more volunteers to join. Did you realise that the service delivered 80,000,000 Meals On Wheels a year??

Our Jumble Sale is on 9th April at Southam Youth Centre at 10am. Help and all your Spring clearouts urgently needed. Contact J. Norgate.

Di Bowen is giving a Cheese and Wine Party on Wed. May 4th at 7.30pm at 8, Newstead Drive in aid of Country House Funds. Bring and Buy too!

At the March Meeting the Bursary will be drawn (paid up members only - you have been warned).

OPEN MEETING - March 24th. Talk on Vehicle Accident and Rescue. Everyone welcome. Charge 50p.

HARBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 1994

At which stand-in Chairman, Ken Stephenson, "kept his head when all about were losing theirs and blaming it on him!"

In fact it was things that hadn't happened that caused the problems: delays in repairing Play Equipment; circulating documents and reporting Sub-Committee recommendations.

For instance, Clerk Alison Hodge, fast finding her feet, upbraided Ken Stephenson for non-circulation of the Local Council's Association raffle tickets. She also pointed out the post removed from the V.Hall fence was still in a dangerous position and Insurers had expressed their concern urgent welding repairs had not been carried out. Cllr Stephenson promised

it was in hand but the Clerk reminded him it had been outstanding for 6 months!

Chaos reigned for several minutes whilst Cllrs and others hotly argued the pros and cons the dog-proofness or otherwise of the fencing and the legality of the existing access to the Play Area.

They had been surprised by a letter from the V.Hall Committee expressing disappointment that a decision had not been reached on their offer of a land swap to solve the problem of access to the new Play Area.

Ken Stephenson, Chair of the joint working party, suggested action must await a decision on the wind-fall £10,000 shareout, but again Alison Hodge reminded him that the Council had not even been informed of the Working Party's ideas.

John Hunt insisted that there should be a fully minuted meeting between the parties agreeing with Sharon Hancock that "we need to mend some fences".

Mrs. Neill for the Allotments holders was present to request £85 for materials to improve the far end of the Allotments hedge (they would provide the labour). She pointed out there was a gap in the hedge alongside the Play Area where the children climbed in.

Gerry Bailey, Head of Harbury School, briefed the PC on the practical problems of changing the age of transfer and the moves made to secure funding for the Spooner.

Two grants had been agreed, the second towards a survey of educational needs to be met by classes in the Spooner. All the Cllrs, including those on the V.Hall Committee, endorsed these efforts.

Stratford CVS was surveying use of the Southam Voluntary Bureau by village residents prior to a final decision on whether it should close (there being a £10,000 deficit at the CVS). Cllr Hancock wanted the District and County to explain the withdrawal of their grants (the VB organises community transport).

Cllr John Hunt warned the present token scheme was not the most efficient use of the PC funds to subsidise OAP's travel. A decision had to be made on a revised scheme but Midland Red had declined to take part and that would restrict the choice of carrier.

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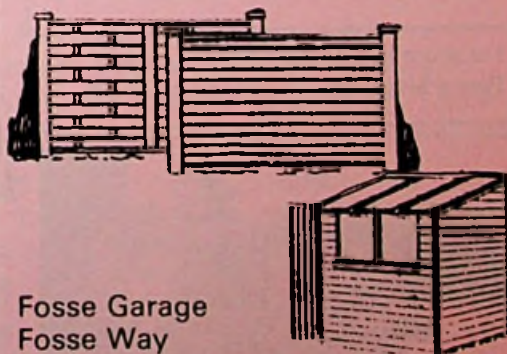


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Steve Norman secured planning permission for the new Deppers Bus Shelter but failed to impress the Highways Department with his plea for double white lines to prevent overtaking.

Stratford granted permission for a Conservatory at Northfields, change of use (with conditions) for the barns at Spiers Farm, a double garage with bedroom over but "solely for the use and enjoyment of 26 Ivy Lane" (which means it cannot be used by anyone else but the occupier), change of use for the guest rooms at Sharmer Farm, a new extension at 11 Farm Street, and a renewal of Mr. Nakkars permission for a dwelling at the Quarries.

The Parish did not object to a kitchen extension for Phoenix House, the trimming of the Yew at Fairview House or the minor amendment to the Sheraton Leet application in Farm Street, however John Drinkwater did point out that there had been over 40 objections from neighbours.

A site visit was planned to look at Dave Andrews' latest plans to build at Harbury house and following a site visit to 3 Binswood End the Council had commented that the proposed extension was too large and too close to the adjacent property.

Sharon Hancock jumped to the defence of Cllr Drinkwater when the occupier Mr. Lea suggested that he had no prior notice of the site visit and Ken Stephenson supported her, praising John Drinkwater's experience, impartiality and devotion to duty.

Cllr Middleton was praised for his courage and tenacity in stopping and questioning a skip lorry taking a shortcut through the village. It came this way because the official routes are longer and hillier!

Mr. Lea suggested the Council create a lay-by on Binswood End Green for the residents to park and so alleviate the perceived danger caused by the bottle neck there.

Harbury Morrismen asked for ideas to entertain their foreign visitors in October 1995. The PC thought that too far in advance to contemplate and the only positive suggestion came from Steve Norman who wanted a Beer Festival.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY SOCIETY

Pentabus ambled into the Village Hall about 3pm (there was no unexpected Badminton Match taking place and all the V.Hall keys were on the ring) They unloaded scaffolding, props, lights, control boards and costumes and set to matching up colour-coded pipe-work to erect the stage.

By the time we thought to make a cup of tea (the cooker worked and we remembered the tea towels) everything needed was in the hall and chaos reigned, yet two hours later when we plucked up courage to look again the stage was up, the set erected and even the seating was set out! (And we managed to squeeze in an audience of a hundred.)

Pentabus who hail from Shropshire are an experienced Touring Theatre Company supported by West Midlands Arts and promoted in Warwickshire by John Laidlaw's "Live & Local" Village Touring Scheme funded by the County Council.

PENTA - BUS consists of five individuals (who travel in a Minibus), two actors (one, to John Kemsley's delight plays Clive Horrobin in the Archers), two actresses and a technical expert, although anyone who saw the play "Secret Black & Midnight" will agree that it was hard to believe there were really only four performers.

Characters popped up all over the place, in clouds of smoke; in masks; surrounded by phantom armies; hemmed in by marching stones; transmogrified by witches and transported below stage to their next entrance on skateboards!

The audience, which included some stern critics from Harbury Theatre Group, loved it. The commonest mark of approval being "They're so professional!" which of course is exactly what they are. Not just in their performance but in stage setting, costume making, and quietly folding their tents to disappear into the dead of night for darkest Shropshire where Edric the saviour of England still slumbers below the Stipperstones.

It was an electrifying performance and an excellent evening's entertainment. We fed fifty. The booze held out. No-one had a heart attack. We accommodated

everyone. And when we finally sorted out the finances we even made a small profit!

On Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm in the T.Hauley Room Harbury Society AGM, to be followed at approx. 8pm by a Presentation by Biffa Wastes.

Linda Ridgley

HARBURY W.I.

Many activities offered as well as trips to Tewksbury, Ballet, incorporating a behind the scenes visit and a trip to the theatre, plus an offer to W.I.s from Southam Swimming pool.

Bowls, Darts and Scrabble matches are imminent.

What an enjoyable talk by Mr. Plum from Dogs for the Disabled who worked with Guide Dogs for years but says he has just been recycled not retired. The charity run Dogs for the Disabled was started by a courageous lady, Frances Hay in 1986, who was disabled by a crippling disease. Inspired by her dog Kim who, with some training, helped her to perform the simple tasks of life, she recognised that there was something she could develop for the benefit of others in similar circumstances. Unfortunately Frances died but the inspiration she gave to those close to her encouraged them to continue with her mission in life.

The two training centres are in Exeter and Leamington and Dogs for the Blind have been most helpful providing use of a property on the Banbury Road and their help in making special harnesses etc.

The training is quite different from that for the blind and deaf as each person may want different needs. Some examples to provide help: to retrieve cordless telephones, open and close doors, retrieve letters and newspapers, pick up dropped articles and bring in milk, activate switches, to help with a harness, a person with a balance problem walk without frame or walking stick.

It can cost up to £2,500 to train a dog but the results speak for themselves. 60% are guide dog rejects and 40% are rescued dogs. What wonderful people to have the patience to train them so well.

Hogan, who is staying with Mr. Plum whilst his mistress is in hospital, came to see us and was quite a

character, wandering around and socializing with members.

The writer would like to draw your attention to the first of a series of articles on the progress of a new apprentice dog trainer in Observer News, Feb.24th. It should prove interesting reading.

Rota for April teas; Doreen Bloxham, Diane Buck, Sylvia Burdett.

Jeanne Beaumont

HARBURY SCHOOL

Meetings are being held all over this part of the county to discuss proposals to reorganise schools. Our meeting was held on 10th Feb. in a full hall; we heard from Peter Thompson (School Officer) and Diana Turner (Inspector) why these proposals are being made, and exactly what is proposed for our school. Also present were County Cllrs Bransby Thomas and John Beaumont - our own Parish Council was also well represented.

The issues were very wide ranging and included:

- why change back to a system we changed from not so long ago;
- will Secondary schools be ready to receive children a year earlier than at present;
- will all staff be protected;
- will the financing of Primary schools be reviewed;
- can we keep hold of our 'Spooner' classroom for school and community use.

The plight of other villages who might be losing their village school was also discussed and our strong feelings against this made clear.

The meeting ended on a positive note with a look to the potential of the reorganised future - if all the problems in the proposals can be ironed out (and that's a big IF!) We promise to keep you informed of development. If, in the meantime, you want to express your feelings about the proposal for our school, please write to Paul Cox at the Education Office, Northgate Street, Warwick.

We have up to the end of March to respond.

Many thanks to all those who attended the meeting and for the support you showed - it was greatly appreciated by us all.

Gerry Bailey

KEEPING SAFE

Harbury School is having a Health Week on 21st - 25th March. We will be covering some of the health issues which affect our children. As part of this programme, we will be looking at one or two of the problems facing young people today. We are taking the "Nick Ross" approach; we need to know something of these dangers, but the chances of them happening to our children are not great. We simply want to raise awareness, not to frighten.

The Youth Club is working alongside the school on this project. On the evening of March 23rd, the club will be addressing the area of Drug Awareness. Also the PTA intend to invite any adult who is interested in finding out about drugs to an 'Awareness Session' at the school on 30th March at 8pm. There will be an opportunity to talk to experienced people who hopefully will be able to answer some of your questions about this area of concern.

Gerry Bailey & Vikki Holroyd

A date for your Diary: 17th March, Sheila Kerran is coming to school (8pm) to talk to parents of Playgroup reception, Y1/Y2 about the behaviour of young children

HARBURY YOUTH CLUB

On Sat. 26th March we are holding our Table-Top Sale/ Flea Market at Harbury V.Hall from 10am-1.30pm.

To reserve a table please phone 613140 or 614290 as soon as possible.

£4 booked or £5 on the day.

We are also doing Raffle, Cake Stall and refreshments. Any donations for any of these will be very welcome. Please support this event by either booking a table to sell your unwanted items or come along to look for a bargain. Hope to see you there.

Many thanks.

M. Revitt

HARBURY THEATRE GROUP

We are pleased to announce our first plays of 1994. On Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd April we will be performing two short plays in the V.Hall.

The plays are very different and we start the evening with "Audition for a Writer", by Doris M. Day, a powerful and thought provoking play about an author's efforts to create characters. The more he attempts to manipulate them, the more they rebel with violent and surprising consequences for all concerned.

The second play of the evening is "Alarm Call" by Sheila Hodgson. This is a kidnap and hostage thriller, where an unsuspecting woman is held prisoner in her own home at knife point. She will only be released if her boyfriend agrees to hand over top secret files. Will he do it? Will she escape with her life? Why not come along and find out?

Ticket prices are £2.50 or £1.50 for concessions, on Thursday and Friday.

On Saturday 23rd April the two plays will be combined with a supper evening. Price inclusive £5. To help us with the catering arrangements please purchase your tickets for the Saturday evening in advance.

A bar will be available on all evenings.

Tickets are on sale at Lindop's store, Chapel Street, or alternatively, please tel. 613415 to reserve your seats.

Brian Thurogood

HARBURY FOLK CLUB

February 3rd was another exciting night at the Old Jew Inn. Despite the lure of alternative attractions taking place in the village, it was a packed house. The extensive line up of performers included relative newcomers Kate and Andy who gave us some "unplugged" Clapton, as well as an hilarious Victoria Wood song. The Harvesters performed a new canal song - they've certainly plunged into this 'genre' lately. Frank Richards, lately of 'C.O. Jones' brought his daughter Holly to sing for us. Her superb voice coped well with some difficult songs from Linda Rhonstadt and Leonard Cohen.

Music of all types followed thick and fast: Phill and Drill; Bob Brooker with his 'mean' banjo; Allan Bolt; Tony Bayliss; Jilly Darby; Peter McDonald; and yet another Super Group 'Give us an E'. My thanks to Doug Freeman who helped with the raffle. When we

ran out of tickets he performed a re-valuation worthy of Norman Lamont. We emerged with a creditable £30 for Amnesty International. See you next month.

Mike Putnam

PROFILE ON MIDGE KEEN



When Midge first moved to Harbury, she didn't expect to stay for more than 6 years. She and her husband Bob had moved with the job, Bob being an Income Tax Inspector. That was 29 years ago and it seriously looks as if they might stay!

Sometime later Midge joined the East Midlands Electricity Board in a temporary post, but was asked to stay on and she became Supervisor of Repairs and Emergency calls in the Consumer Services. Many a Harburian has been surprised when Midge recognised their voice when they were phoning for assistance.

Midge had been here about 12 months when a meeting with friends resulted in them reforming the 1st Harbury Girl Guides. When Gill Gurden's partner with the Brownies had to leave Midge took her place and very smart she looked in her uniform. As it was temporary, she only stayed for 20 years! rs.

It wasn't long before Midge became a member of the Village Hall Committee, for the next 20 years, 13 of them spent as chairman. During this time she was a member of the original Playing Fields Cttee., helping with planning the layout of the field and equipment.

When the Village Hall fete and the Carnival were amalgamated, Midge joined the Carnival Cttee where she still serves as liaison officer between the two committees. It is as chairman of the Lighting Cttee and also as member of the Planning that Midge now serves on the Parish Council.

It was about 8 years ago that Midge became part of the 'Meals of Wheels' team and to fill in her time she collects for the British Heart Foundation (rattling tins outside Tesco at Cannon Park); the National Children's Homes, and she is now on the R.O.C. Cttee, not to mention being one of the organisers of the Thursday Club.

Midge and Bob moved from Sutcliffe Drive to Constance Drive about 10 years ago, and they both love Harbury. I would say if asked that basically Midge is a 'Soft Touch' and her self styled epitaph should read "Well I'll do it for a short time"!

Gladys Hutchins

HARBURY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The first two months of 1994 have brought good wins for 1st, 2nd and Colts teams. Both 2nds and Colts have shown promising signs of improvement on their form in the latter part of 1993.

The 1sts have played 3 league games in 1994, recording an excellent 17-0 win over Cannock, a creditable 0-0 draw at Coventrians and a 3-49 drubbing by Earlsdon.

It was unfortunate that the Earlsdon game came only 6 days after a tough Warwickshire cup encounter with Old Leamingtonians, three leagues above Harbury. With 20 minutes remaining Harbury only trailed 0-8, before two late tries produced a flattering 0-22 win for the visitors. However, 8 players were injured or unavailable for the Earlsdon game which followed and against the side second in the league a heavy defeat was not surprising considering the changes that resulted in the Harbury side.

Four league games remain and one more win should ensure that relegation to Warwickshire/Staffordshire division 3 is avoided. Harbury currently stand 9th of 13 teams in Division 2. Outside the league, an excellent 10-7 win over Broad Street II and a win over rivals Claverdon, have been noteworthy results.

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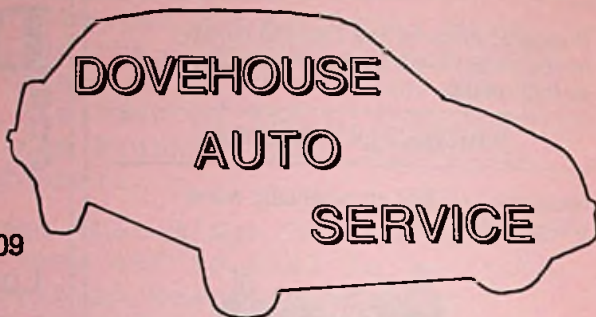


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After a tough 1993 the 2nds have recorded wins over Jaguar and Claverdon, defeat by the last kick of the game by Stoke Old Boys and narrow losses to Earlsdon and Coventrians. This sequence of results represents considerable improvement..

The Colts achieved excellent wins over Rugby St. Andrews and Kenilworth plus creditable performances in close defeats by Stratford and Leamington. The forthcoming trip to Paris to coincide with France v England should develop team morale further.

After last year's success the Rugby Club will again host a Race Night at the V.Hall on 18th March to which all are welcome. A light supper will be available plus licensed bar. Tickets from Graham Lewis

Graham Lewis 613343

HARBURY CARNIVAL NEWS No. 2

The third committee meeting has taken place and good progress is being made. You don't want to know all the boring details of what has to be arranged and booked but I will mention a couple of the attractions that have been booked; the procession will be led this year by the Bluebird Girls Drum and Flute Band. Starlight Circus will be back with us this year following their absolutely splendid show in the village hall last year. We had lots of comments saying how good they were and from what I saw they totally captivated the children and some of the adults too. Their presence should be even more obvious this year if the weather is fine as they will perform on the field and mingle with the crowd.

Last year we introduced a new category to the judging of the fancy dress in the procession, i.e. 'Best home made children's fancy dress in the procession, for which the Tim Percival Shield is awarded. Due to some confusion and comments in past years there will be two extra categories this year. They will be 'walking tableau/group' under sixteen and over sixteen/adult and should comprise at least four people. This solves the problem of groups in fancy dress who take part in the procession on foot who have believed in the past that they do not

qualify for judging because they are not on a float. They were not eligible in the past but definitely are now. All they need to do is turn up, along with the floats, in Sutcliffe Drive and hey presto! This hopefully might encourage even more people to turn up in fancy dress and swell the size of the procession, particularly if you cannot manage to get a float together.

We have discussed long and hard the topic of the Carnival Children's Sports on the Sunday prior to Carnival Day. The attendance at this event seems to have shrunk over the last few years so the committee is considering bringing the date forward a couple of weeks. Nothing has been finally decided so watch this space for more news.

To the one's amongst you who qualify, don't forget that the contest to become this years Carnival Queen will be held on April 20th at the Youth Club. Application forms will be available soon. Whilst on this particular topic it has been suggested that the Carnival Queen is not fully 'employed' during her year of office. Can I take this opportunity to remind village organisations that the Carnival Queen could possibly be invited along to some of your events to make presentations or draw raffles, etc. where appropriate.

If you have any queries or suggestions please contact any of the following committee members;

John Kemsley (613556), Bob Jenkins (613857), Sue Andrews (612528), Midge Keen (612561), Margaret Sherrington (613704), Ann Winchester (612128), Carole Bastin (612708), Roy Coupe (612507), Danny Killian (612265) and Paul Watkin (613553).

I'll be in touch again next month with more news and information, so by the time June arrives hopefully you'll be fully briefed even before you buy your programme. Please use this article as a memory jogger and get those wonderful ideas flowing for your float and fancy dress.

Paul Watkin (Carnival Committee).

VICTORIAN STREET FAIR

The Harbury Street Fair Committee has declared the date for the next Fair as being:

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 1994

The format will be similar to previous years and will take place in Chapel St. between 2pm and 11pm. It is primarily intended to be a fun-day but also provides a great fund raising opportunity for local organisations. Chapel St. will be closed to traffic for the day and the Committee will transform the street into a magical experience of Victorian fun and nostalgia for all ages.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in hiring stalls, providing entertainment or sponsorship or just requiring further information please call Brian Ingram 612418 or Danny Killian 612265.

Brian Ingram

'LINKS 2000' Ceilidh

'Links 2000' is a small organisation which aims to foster links between groups interested in expanding their knowledge and awareness of other communities, either here in the UK or overseas. Groups can come from schools, sports or social clubs, or other institutions, anywhere where people want to become involved in learning about other people and places, to their mutual benefit.

As well as organising community projects in the UK, we occasionally organise social events to raise funds for ongoing projects - one of which will take place in the Brecon Beacons National Park at Easter. As two members of 'Links 2000' and recent arrivals in the village, we would like to invite everyone in Harbury and the surrounding area to a Ceilidh in the Village Hall on Saturday March 19th.

Anyone who has been to a barn dance will know enough to get going and enthusiastic newcomers are particularly welcome. Please come along and enjoy a fun evening. Tickets are £5 and we will also be making a donation to Harbury Church R.O.C. fund from the proceeds. Call at 18 Mill St. for tickets or give us a call on 612058 and we will deliver.

Mark Casement & Linda Middleton

HARBURY NURSERY PLAYGROUP - VILLAGE HALL

Our spring coffee morning is on Wednesday 23rd March, where 'Monkey Business', the children's leisure-wear retailer, will be selling a fun summer range of leggings, T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. for both young and older children at very reasonable prices!

The coffee morning is at Cammie Brash's, 8 South Parade from 10.00 - 12.00.

Also our Tom Hauley coffee morning is on Sat. 2nd April, to include cakes and a great raffle. Many thanks for your support.

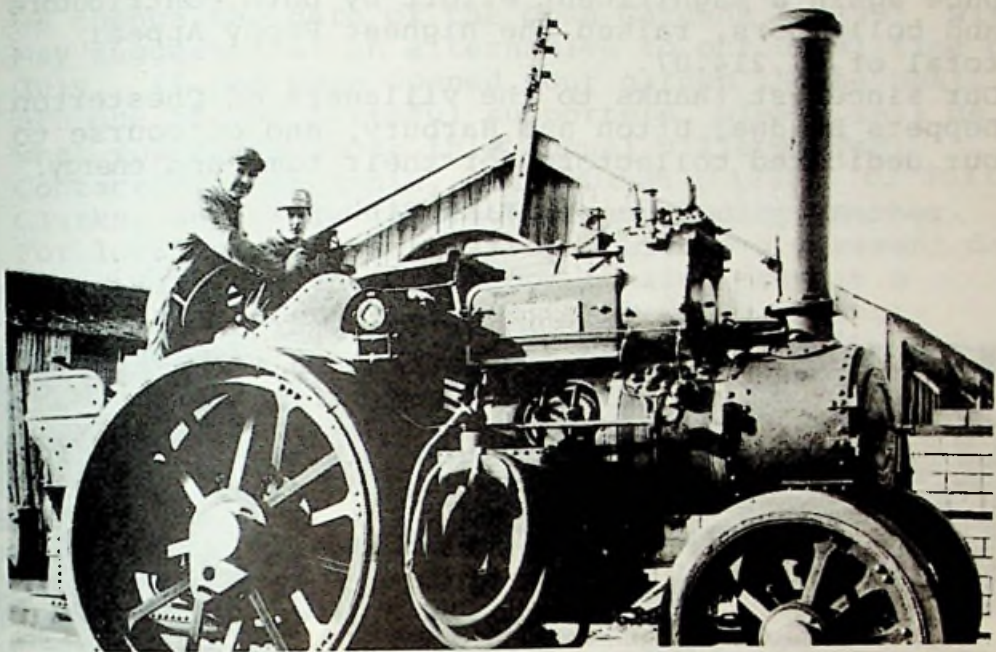
HEALTH MATTERSCrying and Sleeping in the First Few Months of Life

Crying and sleeping problems are two of the most common difficulties for parents of babies under one year old.

In the early months nearly all parents will experience difficulties with their baby crying, or interrupted sleep. Unfortunately there aren't many easy answers. You know your child and you can get individual help and guidance from your Health Visitor - please do seek help from her. Here are some helpful practical tips:

- Try to make sleep time a peaceful time with a familiar pattern to it;
- Give your baby time to settle but do not leave him/her crying and distressed for too long if he/she cannot settle or has slept and woken up;
- Talk to him/her very quietly and try to keep a quiet sleepy atmosphere at night time;
- Try to get as much rest as possible;
- Do not be embarrassed by your baby's crying and become isolated;
- Accept as much help as you can get - try to meet other parents regularly. We hold a Post Natal Support Group at Southam Clinic;
- Make the most of any opportunities to enjoy your baby. Memories of these moments will help you through the difficult times;
- Do not get desperate. GET HELP! Telephone 817377 and ask for your Health Visitor.

Mrs. J.M. Newell

STOKE UP

Martin Shepherd together with his son Stuart check over their recently acquired steam roller, "Highland Lass". This steam beauty came from North Yorkshire and was brought to them by low loader.

Martin's first love for this type of vehicle stems back in time to when he was 16, when he helped recondition a steam roller.

Mike Bloxham

HARBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH LABOUR PARTY

The Annual General meeting of the branch was held on Feb. 8th at Southam Centre. Officers elected were as follows:

Chair: Richard Ashworth; Vice Chair: Sharon Hancock;
 Treasurer: Jean Cox; Secretary: Rhona Hazell;
 Membership: Jane Soni; Minute Secretary: Nigel Chapman;
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The branch meets regularly for discussions and fund-raising. Anyone interested in joining should contact the Secretary Rhona Hazell, 49 Abbey Lane, Southam tel. 814379.

M.S.Hancock

HARBURY & DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

Once again a magnificent effort by both contributors and collectors, raised the highest Poppy Appeal total of £1,214.07.

Our sincerest thanks to the villagers of Chesterton, Deppers Bridge, Ufton and Harbury, and of course to our dedicated collectors for their time and energy.

Mike Bishop



'An Uphill Struggle', photo taken by Mike Bloxham.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We hope that everyone interested in village events will read this, because we want your ideas and thoughts about the Garden Walkabout.

The last two years have not been as successful. Consequently we have not taken enough money to leave

very much surplus to donate to other village groups and activities. Several people have suggested that we change the date of the Open Gardens in 1995, with May suggested as an alternative to our usual time of July. If you have opened your garden in the past, or are one of our faithful supporters, please tell us what you think about this annual village event. Contact Eleanor Zonik, our Chairman (612365) or Julie Clarke, secretary (612066) or any Society member. For local people and visitors this is a pleasant day out. With new ideas we hope to also make it a financial success to benefit the whole village.

Soon we shall be able to get into the garden again. If you are looking for new plants or ideas visit the Organic Gardens at Ryton. We have two free tickets for the use of Society members. Apply to Eleanor if you would like to use them.

There are 3 more meetings this season. Visitors welcome: March 1 - Growing grapes; April 5 - Ornamental grasses; May 3 - the Wild Flower garden.

Pat Smith

THE GARDEN IN MARCH

This is a very busy month, but be guided by the weather and condition of the soil. Nothing is gained by putting in seeds before the soil is warm enough.

March is the last chance to plant fruit and other deciduous trees and shrubs.

Fertilise beds and borders adding compost and general fertiliser. Herbaceous perennials can be divided and replanted when weather permits. Sow half hardy annuals in the greenhouse and prick out as they develop.

Prune, feed and spray roses; mulch towards the end of the month. On a dry day give the grass its first cut with the blades high.

Continue sowing broad beans and later in the month early peas, spinach, onion seed and sets, parsnip and a row of parsley. The end of the month is time enough for shallots, carrots and beet. Cabbage, calabrese and lettuce can be sown under glass for later planting out and vegetables sown last month under glass can be hardened off for April planting out.

Early potatoes can go in at the end of the month if conditions are good.

In the greenhouse start begonias in growth, take cuttings from Chrysanthemums and pot on autumn taken Fuchsia and Geranium cuttings. Plant house bulbs out in the garden.

Continue to feed the birds and when tackling slugs and snails remember to use only bird and hedgehog friendly methods against them.

V.A.Neill

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I am currently involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, and as part of the award criteria I have to provide a service to the community.

Therefore I have decided upon "house-sitting". This involves looking after a vacant house whilst the family go on holiday or whilst they are visiting relatives etc. I can also check upon people's houses whilst they are in hospital.

If you require my services please call 612326. This service will be provided absolutely free or, a donation can be made towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Thanking you
Deborah Ellis

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank my many friends and acquaintances for their cards and letters, and the wonderful support given to me during the sad loss of my husband Alf. I am still quite devastated but feel living in such a caring village I will soon pick up the pieces and face life again.

Thank you to Father Brown for a lovely service, it was a tribute to Alf and a great comfort to me that the Church was so full of his many friends.

Yours sincerely
Betty Wren

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We'll be back! God bless,

Edna and Phil Lindop

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes as I take over from Phil and Edna. I realise I have a hard act to follow, but can assure you I will do my best to carry on their good work! All the existing services will still be available - i.e. Cleaning, Shoe repairs, Sewing repairs, Film processing etc., plus, I hope, a good range of stock. I look forward to seeing you all in the shop (but not all at once!!).

Pete Andrews

Dear Editors,

May I through "The News" say thankyou to all who have so willingly helped with the stapling whilst I was with the magazine.

I have handed over the 'whip' to Dorothy Travis and know that you will support her in the same enthusiastic way. Many thanks to you all.

Gladys Hutchins

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank everyone for the comforting letters and cards on the death of my father, Tom Hook. Also for the donations. The sum of £150 has been given to Malins Ward at Warwick Hospital as he wished.

Mrs. Pat Warner and Family

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank all our friends in the village for their kind support while Beryl was in hospital.

To express thanks to my family, neighbours and friends for all the cards and letters of sympathy received in my recent sad loss.

A very special thank you to nurses and staff of I.T.U. South Warwickshire Hospital, Dr's Hancock and Wilne and the Rev. Roy Brown for a lovely service.

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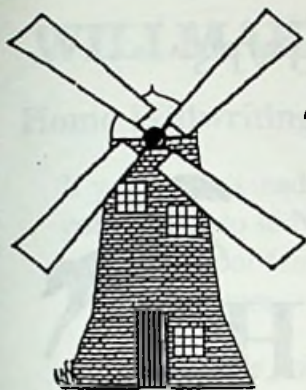
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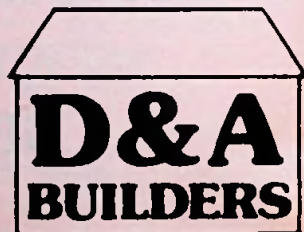
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